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**Part 127 Groundwater Protection and Water Wells  
Stakeholder Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2013 9-12:00**

**Introductions**

- DEQ welcomed everyone. Around the room introductions.
- An overview of the process was given. Revision of the Statute and Rules will be addressed in this process.

**Goals and Background**

- A timeline history of well construction regulations was discussed
- DEQ's relationship with local health departments was discussed

**Meeting Expectations**

- DEQ discussed the collaborative effort of the workgroup meetings and how the group can meet the 4 recommended principles of collaboration – clarify, respect, communication, and simplify.
- Determine expected outcomes of the workgroup
  - Policy and Procedures were reformatted in 2012 and will be evaluated.
  - Sub groups/technical groups will be needed when we need a more focused approach (e.g. agriculture irrigation, dewatering wells, etc.).
  - Geothermal to be addressed separately – it will be advanced separately from Part 127 to maintain a cleaner process.
- Define expectations of stakeholder workgroup members
  - Determine the level of commitment needed for a stakeholder participant – meet once a month, conference calling will be provided. DEQ will look at having the meetings at other locations and a different day of the week.
  - Statute will be reviewed first since it is the legal platform for the rules.
  - Who is responsible for what during and after the workgroup meetings – we will use an action item list and participants will be bringing thoughts back for the next meeting

**Stakeholder Ideas and Issues**

- Time for general brainstorming of ideas, concerns, topics:
  - Role of Local sanitary codes in addition to Part 127, Authorities
  - Michigan Geology, water quality and quantity is diverse-Regional Concerns
  - Consistency
  - Issuing deviations, Scientific standards
  - Risk-based code
  - Onsite treatment of private wells

- Isolation distances
- Isolation with installation of public sewer
- NSF approval and new product approval
- Statute of limitations
- Continuing education
- Protect the source
- Apprenticeship program
- Rig operator registration
- Onsite supervision
- Subcontracting relationships
- Fees
- Pump installer plugging wells
- Wells plugged only by well drillers
- Licensing vs. registration
- Advisory committee – peer review, industry input
- Low yield wells
- Minimum casing depth
- Status of Executive order 1994-01

#### **Wrap-Up and Summary of Action Items**

- Possible additional stakeholders –DEQ to contact DeWind Well Drilling to represent sock wells, MPHIC to contact licensed master plumber/Plumbing Board Representative after getting “not interested” list from Jim McEwan. Conversation about having UP representation, however, MGWA discussed that they will be keeping Erik Kleiman from the UP closely in the loop since he is on their board. Other stakeholders expressed they will keep their UP counterparts in the loop.
- The stakeholder contact list and progress of the group will be posted on the DEQ water well construction website
- Scheduled Next Meeting(s) and meeting frequency-DEQ will examine the options discussed for dates and times and communicate back with the Stakeholders. No meeting date or time was confirmed.
- Read Statute (page 1-5) and come prepared to discuss at next meeting